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FROM USDEL 79

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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: VOA FACILITIES

1. IN DISCUSSING FUTURE STATUS OF VOA FACILITIES AT
WALLACE AND JOHN HAY, PHIL PANEL HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS
HANDLE PROBLEM BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OF
MILITARY BASE AGREEMENT THROUGH AN AMENDMENT TO THE RADIO
BROADCASTING FACILITIES AGREEMENT OF MAY 6, 1963.

2. ACCORDINGLY, USDEL HAS DRAFTED TEXT OF BRIEF NOTE
WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH READJUSTMENT OF VOA
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FACILITIES. THIS TEXT DOES NOT RPT NOT ADDRESS MATTER OF
VOA HOUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN BUILT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF
HOUSING AREA AT CLARK AIR BASE. IT IS OUR CONSIDERED
JUDGEMENT THAT THIS COMPLICATED MATTER HAD BEST BE PASSED

OVER IN SILENCE. PHILS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF HOUSES AND HAVE SEEN THEM DURING ROLLING TOUR OF BASE. IF THEY RAISE DIFFICULTIES ABOUT THEM, WE WILL HAVE TO ATTEMPT SOME SOLUTION TO THEM. IF NOT, WE WILL LET SLEEPING DOG LIE.

3. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF U.S. NOTE ON VOA FACILITIES:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES REGARDING RADIO BROADCASTING FACILITIES, DATED MAY 6, 1963, AND RECENT DISCUSSION BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE RADIO BROADCASTING FACILITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE ABOVE-CITED AGREEMENT.

" THE EMBASSY WISHES TO CONFIRM THE UNDERSTANDING ARRIVED AT IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS THAT THE AREAS DESCRIBED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF THE PROTOCOL UPON WHICH THE FACILITIES IN QUESTION ARE SITUATED WILL BE REDESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ARE NO LONGER TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE MILITARY RESERVATIONS SPECIFIED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF THE ABOVE-CITED PROTOCOL AND THAT THE OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1963 AGREEMENT ON RADIO BROADCASTING FACILITIES.

"IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY INDICATING CONCURRENCE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THE STATUS OF THE AREA UPON WHICH THE RADIO BRAODCASTING FACILITIES ARE SITUATED, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY.

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"THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION NO LATER THAN OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 12 FOR USDEL TO TABLE DRAFT IN PLENARY SESSION OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. TEXT IS DESIGNED TO BE INITIALED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR AND REPLY WOULD PRESUMABLY BE INITIALED BY SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES SIMPLY PERMITS THE PHILS TO REDESIGNATE THE STATUS OF THE LAND ON WHICH VOA OPERATES AND THEREBY TO DISASSOCIATE THAT LAND FORMALLY FROM LAND FOR STRICTLY MILITARY

PURPOSES. TI WOULD NOT AFFECT CURRENT OPERATING RIGHTS
UNDER 1963 BROADCASTING AGREEMENT, WOULD NOT IMPOSE
NEW OBLIGATIONS ON U.S., AND WOULD NOT NECESSITATE NEW
EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE
BELIEVE CIRCULAR 175 PROCEDURES UNNECESSARY.

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